Development of tourism in Goa

4405. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:
SHRI GIREESH KUMAR SANGHI:

Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any special plan for the development of tourism in Goa which is the most popular destination in India for tourists from different parts of the world; and

(b) in what manner Government propose to popularize Goa in different parts of the world?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI): (a) and (b) The Ministry of Tourism provides central financial assistance to all States/ Union Territories including Goa under the following schemes:

(i) Product Infrastructure & Destination Development

(ii) Large Revenue Generating projects

(iii) Fairs/festivals

(iv) IT schemes

The Ministry of Tourism does wide publicity and promotion of all tourist sites in the country through publicity campaigns and production of literature. Information is also disseminated through the official website of the Ministry and the 20 Indiatourism offices in the country as well as 13 offices overseas.

Importance of remnants of Tipu Sultan's palace

4406. SHRIMATI MOHSINA KIDWAI:
SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA:
SHRIMATI SYEDA ANWARA TAIMUR:

Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the archaeological and historical importance of the remnants of Tipu Sultan's summer palace "Dariya Daulat Bagh" which is extremely opulent from inside, and Tipu's Lal Mahal Palace

(presently in ruins), which is a classic example of Hindu-Islamic culture, situated in and around Srirangapatnam; and

(b) if so, whether Government propose to consider including such monuments in the campaigns being launched to attract foreign and domestic tourists?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Ministry of Tourism does wide publicity and promotion of tourists attractions and heritage sites in the country including the State of Karnataka through its publicity campaigns, literature and the official website and through its 20 .Indiatourism offices in the country and 13 offices overseas.

Development of tourist circuit in Balasore district; Orissa

4407. MS.PRAMILA BOHIDAR:
SHRI B.J. PANDA:

Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the State Government of Orissa has made a proposal to the Centre for the development of tourist circuit in Balasore district;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what is the action plan of the Centre to help the State both financially and physically to develop infrastructure for the purpose to improve the economy of this region?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI): (a) and (b) A Project 'Integrated Development of Chandipur-Talasari-Udaypur-Chandaneswar-Remuna-Panchalingeswar-Nilagiri Circuit' in District Balasore in Orissa has been sanctioned in the year 2006-07 for a total amount of Rs. 800.00 lakh.

(c) The Ministry of Tourism extends Central Financial Assistance to all State Governments including Orissa and Union Territories for development and promotion of tourism. The list of projects sanctioned to the State of Orissa during the Tenth Plan is given in the Statement.